

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Regular Meeting Agenda
Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center
Heritage Room
365 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia

November 19, 2009
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. INVOCATION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY-2007
- Georgia Forestry Commission – Annual Report

V. PROCLAMATIONS

- Family Month in Lumpkin County
- Dahlonega Jaycees - 2009 Gold Rush
- Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce – 2009 Gold Rush

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 14, 2009 Public Hearing 5:45 p.m.
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- November 5, 2009 Emergency Called Meeting 11:30 a.m.

VII. REPORTS

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- Elected Officials
- Chamber of Commerce
- SPLOST Management – Kevin Hamby

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- 2009-72 Establish 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar
- 2009-73 Establish 2010 Holiday Schedule
- 2009-74 Establish 2011 Budget Calendar
- 2009-75 Appoint DATE Fund Advisory Committee Representatives
- 2009-76 Reappoint Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board Members
(Kim Abercrombie, Seat 1, Beth Fortner, Seat 4, & Scott Gray Seat 7, with terms expiring 2014)
- 2009-77 Appoint Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Members *(confirm)*
(John G. Buckman, Seat 1, unexpired term ending 4/14/2013 and David Borden, Seat 3, unexpired term ending April 14, 2012)

IX. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- Emergency Recovery Services (ERS) Contract *(renewal)*
- Georgia Power – Courthouse Hill Lighting *(new)*
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award – Victim Services Program *(renewal)*
- Victims of Crime Act (VWAP) Grant Award – Victim Assistance Program *(renewal)*
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program-Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority *(ratify new)*
- Georgia's Certified Work Ready Community *(new)*

X. OTHER ITEMS

- E911 Digital Recorder Bid
- Old Republic Insurance Company – Selection or Rejection of Terrorism Insurance Coverage *(Airport Insurance)*
- Grant – Trails Phase 4
- Zwerner Property

XI. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
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- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

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XIII. ADJOURN

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

November 2009

❖Public Hearing – Park & Rec. Community	November 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm
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December 2009

❖Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center	December 03, 2009 at 9:00 am
❖Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center	December 17, 2009 at 6:00 pm

January 2010

❖Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center	January 07, 2010 at 9:00 am
❖Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center	January 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm

February 2010

❖Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center	February 04, 2010 at 9:00 am
❖Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center	February 18, 2010 at 6:00 pm

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center, Heritage Room. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Stowers led the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chairman Raber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion of the Grand Jury Recommendations. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioner Bowden then said he wanted to add Blackburn Park trails to the agenda. Commissioner Scott then moved to amend the motion to add discussion of McDonald House.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Family Month in Lumpkin County

Dr. Alma Parker spoke on behalf of The Church of the Latter Day Saints thanking the board for the proclamation.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. The motion was approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle and the motion carried.

Dahlonega County Jaycees – 2009 Gold Rush

Motion: Commissioner Scott moved to approve this proclamation. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce– 2009 Gold Rush

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this proclamation which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY-2007

Budget/Grant Analyst Mark French read details of this award from a news release.

Georgia Forestry Commission – Annual Report

No one from the Forestry Commission was able to attend to make this presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve all minutes. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office

Elected Officials

Chamber of Commerce

SPLOST Management: Kevin Hamby gave a report stating that all is going well and on track with the Justice Center. He also said that the Health Center is going well and that he anticipates that completion will be in early spring as scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS

2009-72 Establish 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar

This is a resolution to adopt the 2010 Calendar for meetings of the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this resolution which was seconded by Tim Bowden. The motion was approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

2009-73 Establish 2010 Holiday Schedule

This is a resolution to establish the 2010 Holiday Schedule for Lumpkin County Government operations.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

2009-74 Establish 2011 Budget Calendar

This is a resolution to adopt the Lumpkin County 2011 Budget Calendar. Property taxes will now be due by October 20 rather than December 20 which made a change in the budget schedule necessary.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the 2010 Budget Calendar which was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

2009-75 Appoint DATE Fund Advisory Committee Representatives

This is a resolution to appoint members to the Lumpkin County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund Committee representing entities as follows: Board of Commissioners – Kelso C. Horne, Jr.; Chief Judge, Lumpkin Superior Court – Jeffrey L. Wolff; Judge, Lumpkin County Juvenile Court – William E. Mundy; Chief Judge, Lumpkin County Magistrate Court – William Jeffrey Lowe; Judge, Lumpkin County Probate Court – Michael A. Chastain; Sheriff, Lumpkin County – Michael J. Ramsey; and District Attorney, Lumpkin County – N. Stanley Gunter.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

2009-76 Reappoint Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board Members

This resolution provides for the reappointment of Kim Abercrombie to Seat 1, Beth Fortner to Seat 4 and Scott Gray to Seat 7 as members to the Lumpkin County Park and Recreation Board, all with terms expiring December 31, 2014.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this resolution which was seconded by Bill Scott. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

2009-77 Appoint Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Members (confirm)

This resolution provides for the appointment of John G. Buckman to Seat 1 to complete an unexpired term ending April 14, 2013 and David Borden to Seat 3 to complete an unexpired term ending April 14, 2012

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Tim Bowden and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Emergency Recovery Services (ERS) Contract

This contract is a renewal of ERS cost recovery services for Lumpkin County Emergency Services.

Term: September 25, 2009 – September 24, 2010

Cost: No charge

Motion: Commissioner Grindle moved to approve this contract which was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

Georgia Power – Courthouse Hill Lighting

This lease agreement is for seven new lighting fixtures around Courthouse Hill.

Term:

Cost: Equipment - \$101.15 monthly; estimated regulated charge - \$112.00 monthly

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award – Victim Services Program

This is a renewal subgrant for a Victim's Advocate/Coordinator.

Term: October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

Cost: \$31,868.00 federal funds
7,979.00 local matching funds

Victims of Crime Act (VWAP) Grant Award – Victim Assistance Program (renewal)

This is a renewal subgrant for the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Term: October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

Cost: \$53,030.00 federal funds
13,258.00 local matching funds

Motion: Commission Bowden moved to approve both Victim Assistance subgrants. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program-Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (ratify new)

This new grant application needs ratified. Dawson County, the City of Dawsonville and Lumpkin County are cooperating in the grant application.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to ratify this grant application which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.

Georgia's Certified Work Ready Community

This agreement is Lumpkin County's Notice of Intent to Participate in Georgia's Certified Work Ready Community Initiative. There is no cost to the county as this is the basic level of participation.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this agreement. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all commissioners. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

E911 Digital Recorder Bid

EMA Director Don Seabolt spoke about the bid results for the Digital Recorder stating that he preferred Quality Recording Solutions.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to accept the EMA Director's choice which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Old Republic Insurance Company – Selection or Rejection of Terrorism Insurance Coverage (Airport Insurance)

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to reject this terrorism insurance. The motion was seconded by Tim Bowden and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Zwerner Property – Affidavit Concerning Title to Land

The County Attorney gave background on why the county declined acceptance of this property and explained that we must now formally decline it due to a document recorded in the Clerk of Courts office.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this rejection of conveyance which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Grant – Trails Phase 4

Commissioner Bowden said he wants this grant to be used for trails at Blackburn Park. He pointed out that he has 1,700 + hours of volunteer help committed. Commissioner Bowden said he knows this must be approved by the Blackburn Park Committee but thinks it is prudent to apply for the grant in hopes that he can obtain the remainder of needed volunteer hours, approval of the Committee, and then build the trail.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved that we apply for this grant with the stipulation that it fit into the Blackburn Park Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the needed authorizing resolution to apply for the trails grant. This motion was seconded by Tim Bowden. District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

The following citizens spoke on behalf of Blackburn Park: Laura Lee, William Hacker, Katie Klemenich, Julie Ramsey, and Joe Printer.

McDonald House

Commissioner Scott spoke about plans for the McDonald House. He said his group wants to use volunteers, with board approval, and detention center labor to clear out around the house. They also want to speak with an architect to see if the back of the house is salvageable, stabilize the house and mothball it if necessary. He said once money is available they want to restore the house. Commissioner Scott said he wants to put together a family day festival using the gold in Yahoola Creek to raise money for the restoration.

Grand Jury Recommendations

Commissioner Stowers said that three commissioners were available during the time this Grand Jury met and would have been happy to speak with them at that time. He said that no one was contacted. The Commissioner said he wants to know where this came from and that he has never heard of a grand jury questioning the decisions of an elected body. He pointed out that the match was \$240,000.00 not the \$100,000.00 stated by the grand jury. He also stated that he wants to ask the judge to reconvene the grand jury so that board members can appear before it.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to send a letter to Judge Alderman to reconvene the grand jury immediately and allow the Board of Commissioners to present the Board's side of the story. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no comments.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Raber said the Supreme Court Justices' visit was a great thing for county. He also commented that NGCSU has record enrollment already and may well be increasing due to the new dorms. He said that he has been asked if Lumpkin County is receiving its share of grant money. To this he pointed out Lumpkin County's population in proportion to the rest of the state.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Stowers commented on "Guy Wimpy Day" at the Airport. He said those who didn't participate really missed something.

Commissioner Scott spoke highly of the Animal Shelter, pointing out that most of what is at the Animal Shelter was donated.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

PUBLIC

Citizen Hayward Anderson wanted to know what had occurred regarding his request that Lewis Grindle Road become a county road. He said since former Public Works Director Eddie Harris visited the road they had heard nothing from the county.

Citizen Sarah Cohen said she wants Ben Higgins Road to be improved. She is concerned about the perception that if road is improved people will speed. She said they speed already. It was pointed out to her that it is already scheduled for repaving.

Citizen Wallace Seabolt thanked the Board of Commissioners and County Attorney for approving the affidavit on the Zwerner property. He then gave a status report on the museum project of The Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee Indians, Inc.

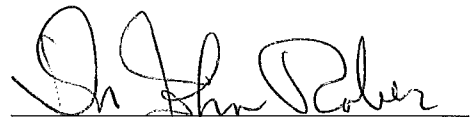
Citizen David Crockett asked a question about the bank foreclosure process to which the county attorney responded. His interest was in how this process impacts tax revenues.

ADJOURN

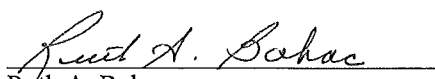
There being no further business Chairman Raber called for a motion to adjourn.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*

12/17/2009
Date


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County